Remarks/Arguments

Claim 1-16 are pending in the application. The Office has rejected claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0083463 to Hawley. In addition, the Office has rejected claims 5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hawley.
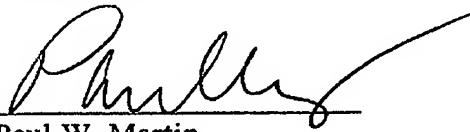
Applicant has canceled claims 1-16, and added new claims 17-33 addressing the above noted 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103(a) rejections. Support for new claims 17-33 is found in the original specification.

Regarding new claims 17, 25 and 32, Applicant respectfully notes that Hawley does not teach or suggest inserting first and second schemas comprising first and second data models of first and second software components into a data wedge, and translating a data element from the format of the data model of the first software component to the format of the data model of the second software component by the data wedge. Thus, Hawley does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of Applicant's claims 17, 25 and 32. The result is that all of Applicant's claims are patentable over Hawley.

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Conclusions

For the reasons discussed above, Applicant asks the Office to reconsider this application and allow all of the claims. Please apply any charges that might be due, excepting the issue fee but including fees for extensions of time, to deposit account <u>14-0225</u>.

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